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THE Pastor will organize a catechetical class very soon. The young people who intend entering the class should report to the pastor.

THE next quarterly communion service will be held Sabbath morning, Oct 11th. We hope there may be a number of accessions to the church at that service.

CONGREGATIONAL DAY.

The first sabbath in October will be observed as Congregational Day in Grace Church. A faithful effort will be made to secure the attendance of every member of the church at the morning service. The hot season of the year is now over and our people have all returned to the city and what we want to do now is to enlist every member with a whole heart in the work of the Church. And for this reason we have appointed this rally day for the Church. There are a number of families attending our services and are looking for church homes, we are confident they are available to the Church, but they need the proper attention and encouragement. Now let us make a new dedication of ourselves to the Master's work. We confidently hope to see all our members at the services on Congregational Day. At the morning service the pastor will preach a sermon on the topic "The church member's duties to his own church." Bring your whole families, and bring your friends to this service.

HOW WILL YOU EARN YOUR DOLLAR?

We publish below a circular letter which has been issued to the ladies of the church by a committee appointed by the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. This circular will speak for itself, but we want to add just a few words, which we trust may help this enterprise along. The ladies of Grace Church have always been liberal, and cheerfully responded to any call of the church, and so we believe they will respond now with a whole heart. The object is to raise, as the circular states, \$75. This can be easily done if the right effort is made. Almost every woman in Grace Church can in some way earn a dollar between this and the last of October. If you cannot do this, it will answer the same purpose if you will just give a dollar. What the ladies want is the amount to pay off the remaining indebtedness on the piano. If any of the women should fail to be able to earn their dollar or to give a dollar, give what you can. This is all the Lord expects from you, but be sure you do this much. The ladies intend to give a social and supper in the lecture rooms of the church the last Thursday evening of October. Then these dollars will be paid in, and the ladies will give the experiences which they had in earning their money. If any of the ladies of the church have failed to get circulars it has either been through an oversight or

a miscarriage of the letter. Just bring your dollars, it will all be the same. This notice in the VISITOR is a notice to all:

FORT WAYNE, Sept. 12, 1896.

DEAR SISTER—The Ladies' Society send you this circular with the hope that they may be able to interest you and secure your co-operation in an enterprise they are about to undertake.

The Society purchased the piano in the church at a cost of \$225, of this amount \$150 has been paid, leaving \$75 unpaid.

The money has been raised by a few missionary teas and by monthly contributions. There are, however, only a few ladies who have been contributing toward this fund. We feel that it is but right that every one should pay their share of this indebtedness.

We, therefore, kindly request you to earn one dollar and pay it into the Ladies' treasury on or before the last Thursday in October.

As it is necessary that the committee know what to depend upon, we kindly ask you to inform any member of this committee of your intention as soon as possible either by postal or in person, and we shall be greatly obliged to you.

Yours in the Master's work.

MRS. HENRY KESSLER,

MRS. C. F. CLOSE,

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MRS. A. K. ZARTMAN,

Committee.

GONE TO HIS REWARD.

A faithful servant of the Lord has been called from his labors in the vineyard of the Master, to his rest and recompense of reward. Rev. Charles Schaaf, D. D., pastor of the Reformed Church at Norwood, Ohio, and former pastor of the St. Johns Reformed Church of this city, passed away peacefully and triumphantly Friday, Sept. the 11th, 1896, after an illness of only a few days. Brother Schaaf had been in declining health for a year past, but no special fears were entertained concerning his condition, and it was thought in due time he would again regain his strength and health, and be spared yet for many

years to his friends, and the church. But the thoughts and ways of Him who holds in his hands the destinies of our lives were different, and while yet in the full vigor of life and manhood he called his servant home to rest and peace. Our departed friend and brother was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, June 27th, 1841. He came to this country at the age of 17. He spent one year at Indianapolis with Rev. Dr. Stern. In the fall of 1859 he entered Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, with a view of preparing himself for the gospel ministry. He was the only graduate in the year '64. He completed his course in theology and was licensed and ordained in 1866. His first pastorate was with the Reformed Church at Kenton, Ohio, and continued for two years. He then accepted a call from the Reformed Church at Sandusky, Ohio. This pastorate extended over a period of eight years. In 1876 a call was extended to him from the St. Johns Reformed Church of this city. The call was accepted, and he entered upon his work, and for eighteen years he was the devoted and successful pastor of this church. Here is where Brother Schaaf achieved the greatest work of his ministry. Under his care this church grew in numbers and in activity until it became one of the strongest churches in the West. In the fall of 1894, he resigned the pastorate of St. Johns Church, and accepted an appointment to a mission in Norwood, a suburban town of Cincinnati. He had just fully entered upon his work with this church, when the Master called him home. Dr. Schaaf was a scholarly and eloquent preacher, a man well qualified for his work, a devoted pastor, and faithful in all his work. He was very closely identified with the Orphans' Home while in this city and with his congregation assisted very much in its founding and support.

He was married in 1867 to Miss Anna Marquart. This union was blessed with

three sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Charles Schaaf, Jr., is now a member of the senior class in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. The younger sons, Albert and Otto, are still at home. The eldest daughter is Mrs. Rev. Martin G. Hirsh, of Marion, Ind., and the second daughter, Sarah, has for a number of years been a teacher in the city schools of Fort Wayne. February 1st, 1889, death came into this home and took the affectionate wife and mother. In 1890 Rev. Schaaf was again united in marriage with Miss Fieda Haeger. This union was blessed with one daughter, little Clara. The wife and all the children survive to mourn the loss of the husband and father.

A funeral service was held at Norwood Saturday, September 12th, conducted by Rev. John Bachman, of Cincinnati, after which the remains were brought to Fort Wayne for interment in the Lindenwood cemetery. A service was held at St. Johns Reformed Church on Sabbath afternoon, led by the pastor of the church, Rev. John Bosch. Addresses were made by Rev. John Rettig, Rev. B. Ruf, and Rev. A. K. Zartman. Rev. H. W. Vitz, Rev. Dr. Kuehling and Rev. W. H. Lahr assisted in the services. At a very early hour in the afternoon the church was already crowded with people who came to attend the services, while many more were unable to gain admittance. The Consistory from the church at Norwood accompanied the family to this city and acted as pall bearers. They were sorrow stricken because of their sudden bereavement, and gave manifest proof of the high esteem in which they held their pastor. May the Lord comfort the bereaved wife and children, and sustain them all in their sorrow.

Dr. Schaaf was aged 55 years, 5 months and 14 days. An honored servant of the Lord has fallen. A faithful soldier of the cross has fought his last battle and gone to final victory, and glory. He has answered

the last roll call, and pitched his tent upon the sunlit hills of Heaven. He has heard the final, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

REV. CHARLES M. SCHAAF was in the city to attend the funeral of his uncle, Rev. Dr. Schaaf. He remained for several days, and called on some of his friends.

THE President of the Ladies' Society, Mrs C. H. Gumpper, has appointed the following ladies on the the Executive Committee to serve until January 1st: Mrs Vining, Mrs. Soliday and Mrs. Close.

THE Financial Secretary of the church will issue the quarterly statement cards, and have them ready for distribution the first Sabbath in October. There are a number of the members of the church who have not as yet given any subscription to the church for the current expenses. We hope, however, that they may contribute just as liberally as if they had regular subscriptions. By the beginning of the next year the Consistory hopes to have every member of the church fill out a subscription card and pay weekly toward current expenses.

THE LADIES SOCIETY has recently had four or five accessions. Now there are about fifty more women in the church who ought to be members of this Society. We cannot understand why so many of our ladies are standing aloof and seem to be unwilling to join the organization. We can only think that it is just a matter of neglect. We wish very much that every lady in the church would just give this matter some thought, and make it a subject of earnest prayer, and ascertain the Lord's will with reference to their duties and opportunities.

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MRS. FONCANON will spend the winter with her daughter at Geneva, Ohio. We are sorry to have her away from the church so long.

THE VISITOR will hereafter publish each month the names of the new scholars enrolled in the Sabbath School, and by whom they were brought.

THE St. John's Reformed Church will hold its Annual Missionary Festival October 4th. Rev. W. F. Horstmier, of St. Louis, will assist in the services.

TWO of the ladies have already earned their dollars and paid them to the treasurer of the Ladies' Society. You have time to earn your dollars until October 24th.

MRS. KING and little grand-daughter, from Lima, Ohio, have been spending several weeks in the city, at the home of Mrs. Clayton, on Prospect Ave. They were the guests of Mr. Marion King, our tenor singer. We have been very glad to meet these friends and have them among us. We hope they may make us frequent visits.

DEATHS.

John L., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yenni, departed this life August 21, after an illness of only a few days. He was born August 18, 1891, aged 5 years and 3 days. The funeral services were held from the home on Sabbath afternoon Aug 23 Only about two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Yenni were bereft of another little son. They now have two precious treasures in the "Home Above," little flowers planted in the Father's garden on high, where they will unfold and bloom forever. 'Tis painful to part with them here, but they are safe and happy there. Many days and years may intervene, but some day there will be a reunion of parents and children in that "Better Land," where farewells are never spoken, and where sighing and sorrow shall flee away. These parents have our sympathy in their continued sorrow and bereavement. May these afflictions prove to work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, and may they find comfort in these days in confiding in the Lord Jesus Christ and his promises.

Irene Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Saffen, died Wednesday night, Sept. 2nd, aged 3 months and 5 days. Death came to this home very unexpectedly. On Wednesday morning the little babe was apparently in usual health, and the family had no apprehension of their coming sorrow. In the afternoon the pastor was summoned to the home, and found the child in a very critical condition, and but little hope was then entertained for its recovery. At about midnight the little sufferer fell asleep to wake no more, and the spirit took its flight to the home of angels and saints. Irene was a beautiful little babe, bright and full of promise, the joy of the mother's heart. But the Lord loved her best, and took her unto himself. She was like the snow that comes from the clouds, spotless and pure,—

and she too soon passed away. She was like a fragrant flower that charms us but for a day, and then droops and passes away. Her light has gone out here, but now she shines as a jewel in the diadem of the King. The first to break the family circle here, but also the first to begin its formation on the other side. We are loathe to part with our little ones here, but when the angel comes for them we give them only back to God who gave them first to us. And we know that now they are safe, where sin and harm can never come.

'Tis a weary world, at best,
This world that she will not know;
Would I waken her out of such perfect rest,
For it's sorrow and strife? Ah, no!

Escaped are its thorns and harms,
The only path she has trod;
Is that which leads from the mother's arms,
Into the arms of God."

This little babe leaves to mourn her death her parents, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral services were held at the home, 387 E. Washington St., Thursday afternoon, Sept. 4th. May the Lord graciously remember these friends in their sorrow and bereavement.

Philip Winters, an aged resident of Allen County, died at the St. Joe hospital Mon- Sept. 14th. He was born in Germany April 10, 1820, aged 76 years, 5 months and 14 days. He came to this country when a child of eleven years of age, and with his parents first located in Stark County, Ohio, and then when a young man came to this county about fifty years ago. He was married July 5th, 1849, to Miss Catherine Young, who lives to mourn the death of her husband. There are also living two sons and five daughters. The father was the first of this family to be called away. He was a highly esteemed and respected citizen, and his family and neighbors will feel their loss very sensibly. The funeral services were held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Tapp, on East Lewis Street, Wednesday after-

noon, September 16th. These friends have our sympathy in their bereavement, and may the Lord kindly lead them to trust in Him, and to love Him, so that they may be ready, for in such an hour as we think not the Son of man cometh.

TIBETAN NEWS.

HAS PETER RIJNHART FALLEN AND HIS WIFE BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE?

C. T. PAUL.

We had hoped ere this issue of the *Christian Worker* to receive some further communication from Brother and Sister Rijnhart, missionaries to N. E. Tibet. For many long weeks we have waited prayerfully, hopefully watched the incoming Asiatic mails, but they have brought nothing since the arrival of Bro. Rijnhart's letter and Mrs. Rijnhart's diary notes, written at the beginning of the present year. What does this long and painful silence mean? In Mr. R's last letter he announced the rebellion subsiding, and was hopeful of complete restoration of peace and tranquility in the near future. But, as stated in our last article, we learn from newspaper despatches that the insurrection has broken out with increased fury; that the rebels had marched far into the interior of China, leaving naught but pillage, bloodshed and cruel mutilation in their train. Small detachments of the Imperial troops sent up to cope with them were, on account of the superabundant numbers of the rebel army, wiped out of existence. Indeed, this must be a rebellion of considerable importance, even in a country where rebellions are the order of the day, and on account of its magnitude the press has been giving it attention. We might have been prepared for silence, seeing that no mails could be carried through the interior in these perilous times, but we were scarcely prepared for the sinister reports recently flashed across the cable. Mrs. Rijnhart's friends were alarmed last month on reading a report of

the massacre of a German missionary in the interior of China and the abduction of his wife by the rebels. This was said to have occurred near Hankow. Mrs. Rijnhart's friends wrote us for information, thinking the report might refer to Bro and Sis. Rijnhart (although Bro. R is a Dutchman, but "Dutch" and "German" seem to be popularly regarded as convertible terms, and it was quite possible that the press may not have made the correct distinction) We replied that the city of Hankow, being only 400 miles from the Chinese coast and 800 miles from the original seat of the rebellion, we did not think the despatch could refer to Bro. and Sis. Rijnhart. If the place mentioned had been Lanchou, we might have been alarmed, as that city is in the rebel district, not far from the Tibetan border and Kumbum. Did the despatch mean "Lanchou" for "Hankow"? and was the "German missionary" our own beloved Rijnhart, and was his wife "an American or English lady carried off by the rebels" the noble Canadian woman known to many of our readers as Dr. Susie Carson, of Newbury, Ont.? These are questions that now press upon us with all their weight and gravity of their import.

Following on the somewhat indefinite despatches there appeared in the *London Advertiser* of August 15th this report: "News comes from China to the effect that a German (sic) missionary, Rev. Peter Rijnhart, has been killed, and his wife, an American woman, carried off by the rebels. Efforts are being made to ascertain the truth of the report. This is probably the same person who preached in the Methodist church here a year or two ago.—He married Miss Carson, of Newbury."

We do not ourselves feel justified in believing the report as yet, and are doing our utmost to trace up its origin through the Associated Press, in which effort the Toronto press is helping us most kindly. We

trust in our next issue to be able to announce with reasonable accuracy just what there is in it. Meanwhile let the hearts of all our readers go up in prayer for the loved ones of Bro. and Sis. Rijnhart, in whom these reports will have caused deep anxiety—Dr. Mrs. Rijnhart's mother and sisters at Newbury and Mr. Rijnhart's aged father in Rotterdam, Holland, who has not heard from his son in many months.

On no account let our zeal for the evangelization of Tibet abate. Think of Bro. Rijnhart's words when on his way to Tibet, the first time he wrote to me, on hearing of the death of a missionary: "I feel," said he, "that I must go on even though every step I take is on the grave of a missionary who has fallen in devotion to his cause." This is the spirit which, when consecrated to the services of Christ and sanctified by the infusion of His own Divine Spirit, will enable us to overcome the world, to count success where the world counts failure, to see life in death and progress in standing still.

If it be God's will that we hear again from our dear brother and sister it will be necessary for us to send them money at the earliest opportunity. And if Bro. Rijnhart has fallen we must leave no stone unturned to recover his dear wife, Dr. Rijnhart, from the hands of the rebels. Those who wish to contribute for this purpose will help and encourage us, as well as console the anxious friends by remitting at once.

On coming to the office this morning I found an envelope containing \$4.00, accompanied by a little note, which says: "Please accept money enclosed for the mission to North Tibet under Mr. Rijnhart." "Go ye and do likewise." Of one in olden times who gave of her little the Master said, "She hath done what she could."—*Christian Worker.*

MRS. SCHAAF and family will return from Norwood, Ohio, to this city, to make this their permanent home, and will reside on Griffith Street.

OUR SICK.

Mrs. John Yenni, 314 Clay Street, has again been prostrated with sickness. She had just recovered from an attack of illness at the time of the death of their little son, and now she has taken a relapse. We hope she may recover speedily.

**
Mrs. Harry Keplinger is very ill with typhoid fever, but the doctors think the critical point in her sickness has been reached and that now the fever will abate. Her condition is somewhat improved, and we feel encouraged to believe that she may soon be much better.

**
Irwin Frederick has so far recovered from an attack of typhoid fever that he is again able to be out of doors. He thinks that very soon he can again come to Sunday School and be one of the boys in Mr. Hill's class. He has been absent since the last Sabbath in June.

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Pearl Burnet is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever. He is able to be out and ride in the carriage. He has been sick for fully two months, and will not be able to go to school until late in the fall.

**
Leo Saffen had the misfortune of having his right arm badly torn by a dog. The wounds were cauterized, and Leo did not seem to think very much about the affair. He is quite a brave little boy, and believes in making the best of such things.

**
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell has been quite ill, but is recovering again, and we hope may soon be fully restored to health.

**
Mrs. John Sweet has been in poor health for some weeks past, and has been prevented from coming to our services. We hope that she may soon regain her health and again be able to enjoy the privileges of the church.

CHARLES W. PICKERING and Emma B. Payne were married at the parsonage August 24. They are both residents of Allen County.

WEDNESDAY evening, September 30th, the Ladies' Society will hold its monthly meeting in connection with the regular mid-week prayer meeting. At the close of the meeting the ladies will serve a free lunch, of hot coffee and wafers. Every member of the church is invited to this service.

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Oct 4. Why I believe in the atonement.
Heb. 9: 11-28. Mrs. Zartman.

Oct. 11. God, or mammon? Matt. 6: 19-24. Walter Close.

Oct. 18. Are we doing our best? Matt. 5: 13-16; 25: 14-30. Lizzie Rudisil.

Oct. 25. My favorite Bible proverb, and why. Prov. 2: 1-9. Charlie Knight.

ARE you a member of Grace Church? If so do dot forget Congregational Day, October 4th. You are expected at the morning service, and be sure to bring your whole family along, and all your friends. If you cannot come send your excuse to the pastor.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE have a business meeting at the close of the preaching service, sabbath evening, Sept. 27th.

MISS SCHAAF, from Upton, Pa., is in the city staying with her uncle. She is a member of the Reformed Church and an active worker in her home congregation. We have been glad to meet her at our services.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE STEPHEN have gone to house keeping, and reside on the corner of Douglass Ave. and Harrison St., southwest corner.

MR. and MRS. JOHN KOEHNLEIN have rented a cottage on East Lewis Street, and have taken up their residence in that part of the city.

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